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In re Application of)
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Filed: December 14, 2001)
Title: METHOD FOR CONDUCTING CRASH) Examiner:
TESTS USING A CRASH-TEST CARRIAGE)
AND A CORRESPONDING APPARATUS)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please enter the following Amendment to the application prior to calculating the filing fee.

Attached hereto as "ATTACHMENT A" is a marked-up copy showing the changes made to the above-identified patent application by the present Amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

✓ Please replace the current specification with the substitute specification attached hereto.

IN THE ABSTRACT

✓ Please delete the abstract in its entirety and replace therefor the abstract attached hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS

✓ Please cancel claims 1-20.

Please add the following new claims 21-41:

21. (New) A method of conducting crash tests using a crash-test carriage, said crash-test carriage being accelerated in accordance with a real deceleration curve to thereby simulate deceleration forces associated with a real collision, said crash-test carriage having a carriage drive apparatus associated therewith, the method comprising the steps of:

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